

Eligible groups of Government Vaccination Programme 2018/19 (Seasonal Influenza Vaccination) FREE vaccination

Priority groups recommended by Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases	Eligible groups of Government Vaccination Programme 2018/19
1. Pregnant women	Pregnant women* who are Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients or holders of valid Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges (Certificate)
2. Elderly persons living in residential care homes	Residents of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)
3. Long-stay residents of institutions for persons with disabilities	Residents of residential care homes for the disabled (RCHDs)
4. Persons aged 50 years or above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elderly* aged 65 years or above ● Aged 50 years to under 65 who are CSSA recipients or valid Certificate** holders
5. Persons with chronic medical problems	Aged under 50 years attending public clinics: CSSA recipients or valid Certificate** holders with high-risk conditions#
	In-patients (including paediatric patients) of Hospital Authority (HA) with high-risk conditions# (e.g. those in infirmary, psycho-geriatric, mentally ill or mentally handicapped units/wards)
	Paediatric out-patients with high-risk conditions# or on long-term aspirin
	Disability Allowance recipients or persons with intellectual disability who are existing clients of HA, clinics of Department of Health (DH), designated day centres, sheltered workshops or special schools
6. Healthcare workers (HCWs)	HCWs of DH, HA, RCHEs, RCHDs or other Government departments
7. Children aged 6 months to under 12 years	Children* aged 6 months to under 12 years from families receiving CSSA or holding valid Certificate** <u>Where to vaccinate ?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6 months to under 6 years: Maternal and Child Health Centres of DH ● 6 years to under 12 years: Student Health Service Centres of DH
8. Poultry workers	Poultry workers or workers who may be involved in poultry-culling operations
9. Pig farmers or pig-slaughtering industry personnel	Pig farmers or pig-slaughtering industry personnel

* Must be Hong Kong residents

** Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges issued by Social Welfare Department

High-risk conditions include :

- History of invasive pneumococcal disease, cerebrospinal fluid leakage or cochlear implant;
- Chronic cardiovascular (except hypertension without complications), lung, liver or kidney diseases;
- Metabolic diseases including diabetes mellitus or obesity (Body Mass Index 30 or above);
- Immunocompromised states related to weakened immune system due to conditions such as asplenia, Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or cancer/steroid treatment;
- Chronic neurological conditions that can compromise respiratory functions or the handling of respiratory secretions, or increase the risk of aspiration, or those who lack the ability to take care of themselves; and
- Children and adolescents (aged 6 months to 18 years) on long-term aspirin therapy.